

Boat Sails Into Duxbury Bay on 14 Years of Blood, Sweat and Tears

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Fourteen years after the start of a great journey, Doug Chadwick of Bartlett Avenue is happy to steer his boat into Duxbury Bay. In 1991, Chadwick bought the 1958 26-foot Enclosed Fly Bridge Cruiser from a Plymouth man for one dollar. Over the past decade and a half, Chadwick has been restoring the boat to its natural glory. Chadwick's wife Marilyn, a witness to all of her husband's hard work, said that he "had to be resilient and overcome a lot of obstacles. I'm so proud of him."

This past Saturday the Chadwicks held a christening ceremony with family and friends at Duxbury Bay Maritime School for their boat, *Blood, Sweat and Tears*. Marilyn's support for him was echoed in the sizeable gathering of family and friends, many of whom have seen the boat evolve throughout its restoration, including John Diaz of Carver, who said that Chadwick "spent a lot of time on that boat."

Doug Chadwick is no stranger to boat restoration. A former marine mechanic, he likes working with and restoring antique boats. *Blood, Sweat and Tears* is his third boat restoration. Chadwick said that he "always liked old boats, it's my hobby." His previous restoration, a 1960 Lineman Runabout, sold to an eager bidder at the Antique Boats Show in Newport, R.I.

Part of the charm behind *Blood, Sweat and Tears* is the hard work and passion that is evident in Chadwick's flawless craftsmanship. He restored the entire boat himself with the exception of the paint job and the upholstery, as he says that it was a "total restoration, it was pretty much a mess." The finished



Doug and Marilyn Chadwick of Bartlett Avenue toast the completion of their boat after a 14-year restoration.

green paint and polished mahogany wood, complements the two four-cylinder merCruiser engines that power the boat.

The boat is only one of two known left out of the original 204 that were made. Complete with a kitchenette, a bathroom and a sleeping area, *Blood, Sweat and Tears* will be a home away from home for the Chadwicks while they are out on the water.

After the crowd of more than 60 people enjoyed con-

versation and hors d'oeuvres, the Chadwicks climbed aboard to christen their boat. The crowd, holding flutes of sparking cider or champagne, first read the denaming chant aloud in unison and then finally rechristened the boat in a flourish of lifted glasses and cheers. The vessel that was born *Rocky* was now appropriately named *Blood, Sweat and Tears*.

As for future sunny days, the Chadwicks plan on taking their boat for a sail in Duxbury Bay.